

SCANDAL COMING TO COURT.

First of the Panama Canal Trials to Open To-Morrow.

The Younger De Lesseps and M. Eiffel in the Batch of Defendants.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—The new Procureur-General, M. Tanon, has summoned thirty-one witnesses for the great Panama trial which begins to-morrow. The parties to be put on trial at once are M. Charles de Lesseps, director of the Panama Canal Company; M. Marius Ponton, Secretary-General of the Company; M. Cottu, of the firm of Renard, Kohn & Co.; and M. Gustave Eiffel, the distinguished engineer.

Charles de Lesseps has caused three English directors of the canal company to be summoned as witnesses in his behalf.

The indictment charges M. Charles de Lesseps, Ponton and Cottu with having employed fraudulent means to persuade people to believe in the existence of fallacious enterprises and imaginary influence or credit, thus causing divers persons to remit subscriptions that would not otherwise have been given for an issue of Panama canal bonds made on June 20, 1888, the defendants, by the fraudulent means thus alleged, cheating and defrauding others out of all or part of their money thus subscribed.

The second section of the indictment relates to the Panama canal company of Dec. 12, 1888. The accused are charged with having tried to obtain subscriptions to this loan on false pretenses, their attempted swindling being only frustrated by circumstances independent of their intentions.

Thirdly, it is alleged that the accused had misappropriated or expended, with a view to promoting the interests of the bondholders, effects and money given into their charge as trust deposits for specific purposes.

M. Gustave Eiffel is indicted as an accomplice in the alleged swindling operations, and is accused of having wilfully and knowingly received a share of the sums of money unlawfully procured from the public and with having wilfully and knowingly shared in the profits of the fraud. M. Eiffel is also accused of having misappropriated funds entrusted to him for the mandatory purpose of expenditure for salaries.

Nothing is said in this indictment as to the bribery or corruption of public officials.

One of the witnesses summoned is said to be M. Lucien Napoleon Bonaparte Wyse, who claims the credit of having been the first to conceive the idea of a canal between the Atlantic and Pacific.

It was he who, in his character as engineer, obtained from the Colombian government the concession to carry out the Panama canal in the works of which he was engaged until the final collapse. He is said to know a great many secrets in connection with the scandal.

Anecdotes are now rife of how leading men in the Parliament and the press were bought over. Some of them are very typical and throw a dash of humor on this gloomy record. M. Arson, the chief dispenser of the doctored distribution, called on a leading personage whose support was deemed to be essential.

He discharged his delicate duty with exquisite tact, but was met with a stern and rather angry negative. He was retiring, crestfallen at his failure, when he noticed in

the ante-room some pictures painted by the wife of the incorruptible one.

"Yes," said the incorruptible. "My wife is an artist. We are not millionaires, and she is very glad to find a purchaser for her pictures." It is hardly necessary to say that the lady did find a purchaser.

One of her pictures commanded the comfortable sum of 20,000 francs, or about forty times its real value.

The attempt to involve President Carnot in the Panama swindling caused much excitement, so far as was apparent, there is not the slightest evidence of corrupt complicity in Panama swindling on the part of M. Carnot, the utmost alleged in any definite way being that he may have imperfectly and ministerially given official sanction to a transaction on the part of other officials who were corrupt.

The enemies of the Republic have from the first been endeavoring to involve M. Carnot, believing that by bringing about a Presidential crisis they would strike a fatal blow at the Republic. Besides there are several candidates for the Presidency in the pool who would be delighted to see M. Carnot forced to resign.

GRAVES OF AN ANCIENT RACE.

Stone Weapons and Implements Discovered in California Mounds.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—An important discovery of ancient weapons and stone implements and mounds has been made in Santa Maria and Columbia valleys, in the Coast mountains. The graves are in mounds, which rise five or six feet above the ground.

Some of the mounds dug into a grave at a depth of about eight feet, and a polished skull of slightly greater length than a modern skull. The skull was of a peculiarly hard and polished stone, the like of which there was none in the country. It was not more than half an inch thick.

Further on were found numerous battle-axes and other weapons of copper, vessels of stone, and copper disks resembling coins. There are many in the graves and the mounds are scattered along for a couple of miles. There are probably a couple hundred of them. Everywhere are the marks of an ancient race. It is believed that no other such mounds are known on the coast.

Political Popularity.

The Texas Senatorial contest grows interesting. Mills men have great hopes on the position being divided between two candidates.

Order was not held for the North Dakota Senatorship. Cass's friends claim a sure thing.

Popular leaders in Kansas desire to support a middle-of-the-road third party man for United States Senator.

Deals of all sorts are talked of over the Wyoming Senatorship. One agreement is said to be between the Populists and Republicans to elect Dr. Forest Richards, Republican, to the Senate. Another is that of Republicans and some Democrats and Populists for C. W. Baxter, Democrat.

Lost 62 lbs

In 8 months, and was a misery to myself and all about me from indigestion and liver complaint. Physicians here and in Birmingham failed to help me, and when I had been confined to the house two months I began to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. In six days I began to feel better, and in 8 months I had gained 62 pounds in 34 days, and was able to do all my work, and feel like a new man. I am now a healthy, robust man, and feel like a new man. I am now a healthy, robust man, and feel like a new man.

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ARE THE POPULISTS SCHEMING?

To Get Silver Pledged Through Western Senatorial Contests?

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 8.—While the last twenty-four hours the three Populists in the Legislature have received instructions from the leaders of the party, presumably from Washington, not to vote for a Democrat for United States Senator under any circumstances, it is also stated that the Populists in Wyoming and California have received exactly the same instructions, with the view of preventing the Democrats from securing an absolute majority in the Senate.

It is known that two of the Montana Populists are intending to vote the request, which has come from the East, but the third Populist, has made no promise, and because he is in a position to elect a Democrat a great deal of worry is felt as to his attitude.

It has more than once said he would vote for a Democrat for Senator. The Populists are trying to get him to promise to be neutral, at least for the first few ballots, but he has refused to do so, and says nothing one way or the other.

It is the intention of the Democrats to force a ballot on the Populists, and the Populists are trying to prevent this by refusing to vote.

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READY TO SWEAR OFF TAXES.

Commissioners Sitting to Revise Protested Assessments.

A Letter Which Criticizes the Laws Passed Last Winter.

The Tax Commissioners today began to give hearings to persons who allege grievances in regard to the assessment of their real and personal property. The Commissioners will sit daily, except Saturdays, from 10 A. M. to 2 P. M. and Saturdays from 10 A. M. to 12 noon.

One of President Barker's first callers today was a prominent capitalist, who wanted to swear off the assessment on his securities. He felt he could not conscientiously do so, but wanted to know if he could evade payment by temporarily transferring his stocks and bonds.

Mr. Barker informed him that that could not be done. The law recently passed provided against such a proceeding.

The gentleman then handed Mr. Barker a letter of which the following is a copy:

"Personal taxes are assessed on the second Monday in January, being the 31st inst. The law is added at Albany last session providing for the assessment of securities."

No securities shall be made or allowed for or on account of any debt or liability contracted or incurred in the purchase of non-transferable property or securities owned by him (the person assessed) or held in trust for him, or on account of any debt or liability contracted or incurred for the purpose of evading taxation."

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CHOYINSKI AND MAHER OR DALY.

Pacific Athletic Club Offers \$5,000 for a Heavy-Weight Fight.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—President Harrison, of the Pacific Athletic Club, yesterday offered \$5,000 for a finish contest between Joe Choyinski and Peter Maher, the Irish champion, or Jim Daly, Corbett's late sparring partner.

Parson Davies, Choyinski's manager, stated that he preferred Maher, but that Choyinski or Maher before accepting, but was willing to match Choyinski against either of the heavyweights for the largest purse obtainable and a substantial side wage.

In the event of Choyinski failing to get on a match with Daly, Davies says he will make a match for his friend against the winner of the Fitzsimmons fight.

He also states that he will make an effort to have Corbett agree to fight Peter Jackson.

Myer Wants a Larger Purse.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—Billy Myer, the Streator champion, who has been here for a few days, about the proposition of President Noel, of the New Orleans Athletic Club, that he fight Andy Bowen March 7 for a purse of \$5,000.

All Kennedy, his backer, thinks that in view of the fact that an Eastern club offered Myer a \$7,000 purse to fight Gibson, New Orleans should offer at least the same amount.

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CURED OF A BROKEN BACK.

Pittsburg Man Who Was Able to Walk After Ten Months.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 8.—Dr. James and Thomas McCann have